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# Dr. Sheppard's Statement

Following is the statement issued and signed by Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard in which he offered a reward of \$10,000:

"Since Sunday morning I have been confined to bed except for the time I was taken to my wife's funeral. I was severely injured when I was attacked by the persons who murdered my wife and I am still suffering from shock and pain.

"I learned after I returned from my wife's funeral yesterday that the report has been widely circulated that I have refused to talk about my wife's murder.

## "Never Refused to Talk"

"I have never refused to talk to any authorities and gave them all the information that I could.

"I have related the incidents as

nearly as I could remember them, to the mayor of the city of Bay Village, to the police of that city to detectives from the Cleveland Police Department, and have answered the questions to the county coroner and the detective from the county sheriff's office, and I have told them all I can now recollect."

## Authorizes Reward

"Any restrictions that have been made on questioning by authorities have not been made by me. They were made by the doctors who were attending me.

"I have lived an honorable life. I have, with my family, authorized my attorneys to post a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of my wife."